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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) Product cutting device for flat material comprising:

a product [guiding] folding cylinder rotating about an axis of rotation and

having a surface supporting an incoming material;

a cutting cylinder cooperating with said product [guiding] folding cylinder

and having knife assemblies mounted thereon; and

at least one cyclically engageable product seizing element assigned to at least one of said product [guiding] folding cylinder and said cutting cylinder, and being moveable opposite to a sense of rotation of said product [guiding] folding cylinder for

engaging a next product's front portion after a cutting operation.

2. (Amended) Product cutting device according to claim 1,

wherein said product seizing element is arranged on said product [guiding]

folding cylinder.

18. (Amended) Folder apparatus comprising at least one fold roller in operative

communication with a product cutting device having:

a product [guiding] folding cylinder for flat material, said product

[guiding] folding cylinder rotating about an axis of rotation and having a surface supporting

an incoming material;

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a cutting cylinder cooperating with said product guiding cylinder and having knife assemblies mounted thereon; and

cyclically engageable product seizing elements assigned to at least one of said product [guiding] folding cylinder and said cutting cylinder. and being moveable opposite to a sense of rotation of said product guiding cylinder for engaging a next product's front portion after a cutting operation.

19. (Amended) Rotary printing press comprising a product cutting device having:

a product [guiding] folding cylinder for flat material, said product

[guiding] folding cylinder rotating about an axis of rotation and having a surface supporting an incoming material;

a cutting cylinder cooperating with said product [guiding] folding cylinder and having knife assemblies mounted thereon; and

at least one cyclically engageable product seizing elements assigned to at least one of said product [guiding] folding cylinder and said cutting cylinder[.], and being moveable opposite to a sense of rotation of said product [guiding] folding cylinder for engaging a next product's front portion after a cutting operation.

20. (Amended) Method for cutting flat material comprising the steps of:

rotating a product [guiding] folding cylinder about an axis of rotation, said

product [guiding] folding cylinder having a surface supporting an incoming material;

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